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A Christmas Song

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THE EDELWEIS.

I.

OLD England's symbols I forego,
The holly bright and mistletoe,

II.

AND take for Christmas this device:—
The Switzer's Alpine EDELWEIS.

III.

FAR up it grows on rocky steeps,
When Winter stern relents and weeps.

IV.

NO tree or shrub, no chalet warm
It needs for shelter from the storm.

V.

BY nature placed on outpost guard,
A flower-monk of St. Bernard!

VI.

FINDING its mission there, as well
As flowers that in the meadow dwell.

VII.

With nerve unmoved, and courage staneh,
It hears the plunge of avalaneh.

VIII.

OR, day by day, in glacier seas
The mysteries taught by Agassiz.

IX.

Sweet star-shaped flower, thou leadst me where
Magi of old their gifts did bear!

X.

IN thee I touch the garment's hem
Of cradled Babe in Bethlehem.

XI.

OR with thee list, the heights along,
To hear the angels' Christmas song.

XII.

"ON earth be peace, good-will to men,"
No guile withholds thy sweet AMEN.

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"Your voiceless lips, O Flowers, are living
preachers,
Each cup a pulpit, every leaf a book,
Supplying to my fancy numerous teachers,
From loneliest nook."

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